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From: Balandran, Olivia-R
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Subject: RE: 6WQ RA UPDATE REPORT FOR WEEK OF JUNE 18, 2018

Please ignore previous report sent to you. I sent last week's instead of this week. Sorry... sent it in a hurry and did not catch that.
Thanks Claudia ..Good catch!

6WQ RA UPDATE REPORT FOR WEEK OF JUNE 25, 2018

EPA Region 6 awarded \$50,000 technical assistance project to integrate green infrastructure and watershed planning into a Hazard Mitigation Plan. Staff from the Assistance Programs Branch anticipate to work with the City of Denton and communities in Denton County, and state and federal agencies on a recently awarded \$50,000 technical assistance project to integrate green infrastructure and watershed planning into a Hazard Mitigation Plan. This proposal was one of three national awards from EPA Headquarters Non-Point Source Branch. The intent of the proposal is to educate emergency management agencies at the city, county, and federal levels on the use of green infrastructure as a hazard mitigation tool to reduce water quantity impacts to protect lives and property, and also protect water quality uses and habitats. The scope of work will have a contractor identify key stakeholders, conduct meetings to institutionalize natural and nature-based solutions in FEMA natural hazard risk management planning to achieve water quality and stream health co-benefits. The project has a potential approach to 1) define the natural hazards and the challenges faced in resilience and water quality compliance efforts; 2) identify the plans and requirements needed that are in place (or are lacking) to fully define the natural hazard or challenges in resilience and water quality compliance; 3) identify the basic data and information that is needed but not available to identify hazards or opportunities, or enable prioritization of options; 4) Identify approaches to develop natural or nature-based solutions that combine hazard mitigating, adding resilience, and achievement of water quality compliance goals; and 5) make recommendations on how to incorporate these process steps and projects (administrative and site-based actions) into the hazard mitigation plan and hazard mitigation planning process. Potential partners include: The City of Denton, communities in Denton County, Denton County Emergency Management, Texas Department of Emergency Management, Trinity River Authority, North Central Texas Council of Governments, FEMA, U.S. Corps of Engineers Silver Jackets, and EPA Region 6. This proposal will provide an opportunity to conduct pre-disaster recovery efforts among staff from FEMA, U.S. Corps of Engineers Silver Jackets, and EPA Region 6 that can be applied to future mitigation efforts.
David Reazin, 214-665-7501;

City of Thibodaux - North Wastewater Treatment Plant, LPDES Permit No. LA0127208, AI No. 203695 : EPA anticipates issuance of a response letter to LDEQ no later than the revised extension deadline of June 28, 2018, regarding the adequacy of this preliminary draft permit (PDP) submitted to EPA by the state. This proposed publicly owned treatment works has not yet been constructed due to concerns regarding the impaired receiving waterbody and the EPA approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) which has no allocation for future growth. In a teleconference on June 14, 2018, EPA and LDEQ discussed a possible meeting in Baton Rouge in mid-July 2018 to more fully develop a plan of action for this and similar situations that are anticipated to occur in Louisiana.
Kay Schwab, 214-665-6635;

Illinois River Watershed Modeling Scenario Training: We have scheduled a watershed modeling (HSPEXP+) scenario training for Arkansas, Oklahoma and Tribal members of the Illinois River Watershed Project Technical Work group. The training is to be held the afternoon of Monday, July 9, through Wednesday morning, July 11, in West Siloam Springs, OK. The Cherokee Nation has agreed to host the training. Once trained, our State and Tribal colleagues will be able to run and analyze various scenarios based on the Illinois River Watershed Model.
Taimur Shaikh, 214-665-7181;

EPA Region 6 FY2018 US/Mexico Border Prioritization Process; Project Selection June 15, 2018: On June 15, 2018, EPA Region 6's Water Division in coordination with the North American Development Bank (NADB), selected 10 new water and wastewater infrastructure projects for development. The development (preliminary engineering reports, designs, etc.) funding for these projects will be through EPA Region 6's US/Mexico Border Infrastructure Program. The selected projects are located within the Border region, defined as 62 miles north and south of the U.S.-Mexico border. Prioritization of drinking water and wastewater projects is necessary because water infrastructure needs for the Border region exceed the available infrastructure grant funds. Projects selected for development include providing drinking water to US communities along the border and/or preventing raw sewage from Mexico from entering the Rio Grande. Project sponsors will be notified of project selection by the end of June.

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WETLANDS STAFF TO HOST TEXAS WATER SUPPLY WORKGROUP MEETING: Region 6 Wetlands Section staff will be hosting agency representatives participating in the Interagency Water Supply Workgroup Partnering Agreement (Agreement) to discuss progress on EPA-led action items on June 22, 2018. In addition to Region 6 Wetlands Section and NEPA program staff, representatives from the Corps offices of the Southwestern Division, Fort Worth Corps District, Galveston Corps District, and Tulsa Corps District will be in attendance. Additionally, representatives from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Texas Water Development Board are expected to participate. Presentations will focus on EPA efforts to address water conservation and Impact Assessments per the Agreement. EPA will be soliciting feedback and expertise of fellow workgroup members in developing work products for the action items. This effort crosses multiple EPA programmatic areas, including 404 and NEPA and has overarching goals of streamlining regulatory processes and increasing efficiency during the CWA 404 permit review. Maria Martinez, 665-2230; Lauren Poulos, 665-8371; Loribeth Tanner, 665-8153

Lauren Poulos, 214-665-8371;

NOVA Chemicals Olefins LLC - Geismar Ethylene Plant, LPDES Permit No. LA0069612, AI No. 3585 :

EPA anticipates issuance of a response letter to LDEQ no later than the LDEQ revised deadline of June 21, 2018, (due to EDMS outage), regarding the adequacy of this preliminary draft permit (PDP) submitted to EPA by the state. This chemical manufacturer is seeking a reissuance permit with several changes. The existing permit for this facility has an expiration date of May 31, 2014.

Kay Schwab, 214-665-6635;

Calcasieu Refining Company, Lake Charles Crude Oil Refinery, LPDES Permit No. LA0052370, AI No. 3585

: EPA anticipates issuance of a response letter to LDEQ no later than the LDEQ revised deadline of June 21, 2018, (due to EDMS outage), regarding the adequacy of this preliminary draft permit (PDP) submitted to EPA by the state. This petroleum refinery is seeking a reissuance permit with several changes. The existing permit for this facility has an expiration date of January 31, 2018.

Kay Schwab, 214-665-6635;

Occidental Chemical Corporation, Geismar Facility, LPDES Permit No. LA0002933, AI No. 3400 : EPA anticipates issuance of a response letter to LDEQ no later than the LDEQ revised deadline of June 18, 2018, (due to EMDS outage), regarding the adequacy of this preliminary draft permit (PDP) submitted to EPA by the state. This organic and inorganic chemical manufacturer is seeking a reissuance permit with several changes. The existing permit for this facility has an expiration date of November 30, 2017.

Kay Schwab, 214-665-6635;

Region 6 Response to TCEQ's 2016 List of Impaired Waters: The public comment period for the TCEQ's 2016 list of impaired waters ended June 4, 2018. Technical issues remain between TCEQ and EPA Region 6 regarding the assessment of certain lakes/reservoirs with site-specific chlorophyll-a criteria which do not appear to be met, yet the state has not chosen to list them as impaired. Within the next couple weeks, program staff will plan to brief executive managers on options and a recommended decision.

Richard Wooster, 214-665-6473;

Spirit of Aggieland RV Resort, LLC: Spirit of Aggieland RV Resort, LLC (TPDES Permit No. WQ0015632001, EPA No. TX0138096), State Permit Review - This draft permit is currently under review. It is expected that a No Objection letter will be approved; however, worst case scenario, this draft permit will be submitted as an Interim Objection, by its regulatory deadline of Monday, June 18, 2018

Greg Valentine, 214-665-3111;

Niazi Family Investments, Inc.: Niazi Family Investments, Inc. (TPDES Permit No. WQ0015607001, EPA No. TX0137961), State Permit Review - This draft permit is currently under review. It is expected that a No Objection letter will be approved; however, worst case scenario, this draft permit will be submitted as an Interim Objection, by its regulatory deadline of Monday, June 18, 2018

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Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores: Love's Travel Stops & County Stores (TPDES Permit No. WQ0015618001, EPA No. TX0138037), State Permit Review - This draft permit is currently under review. It is expected that a No Objection letter will be approved; however, worst case scenario, this draft permit will be submitted as an Interim Objection, by its regulatory deadline of Monday, June 18, 2018

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